

AN APPEAL

This seeks to address the recent phenomenon of extremely offensive anti-religious materials, including videos of profane, sacrilegious acts, which have begun to appear in worldwide public forums, including YouTube. They are being produced by, among others, an atheist who goes by the pseudonym of "fsmduke". He has posted over 40 such videos to YouTube, and continues to produce more. Currently this poster is targeting Catholics, while expressing support for similar actions against Muslims.

There can be no justification for these unprovoked, unwarranted and unprecedented attacks on the sacred beliefs of people of any faith.

Thousands have appealed to the poster and petitioned YouTube to remove these blasphemous and highly inflammatory videos, which are accompanied by vile abuse against all who believe in God. YouTube have repeatedly not responded.

Our intention now is to appeal to "Google" the parent company of "YouTube" to have these videos removed. There are many competent and distinguished people on the Board and Executive Management Team of Google, engendering confidence that they will indeed heed a rational and justified appeal.

<http://www.google.com.au/intl/en/corporate/execs.html#brougner>

YOUR SUPPORT IS CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS APPEAL

The following pages contain letters addressed personally to various Directors and Senior Executive Staff of Google. All you need to do is print and sign them, then mail or fax them. If mailing, please mail each letter separately, especially as many contain different addresses. This is intended to ensure that they are received by the various addressees and read. Where an email address is available, you might prefer to simply copy the text into an email and send that instead.

Please do it now. We would immensely appreciate your help and efforts with this appeal, as soon as possible, please.

There are a few other important things you can do to support this vital cause:

1. Refrain from clicking on any of the offensive videos on YouTube or elsewhere. That would merely reward the offender(s) with more of the popularity which they seek.
2. Forward this document to as many people of faith as possible, regardless of their individual religious beliefs. This type of virulent, anarchic aggression, against any religion or group, if left unopposed, is guaranteed to increase, mutate and sprout in other ways, target other groups and institutions, and ultimately affect, most adversely, virtually every aspect of our societies, our religions and our lives. History has taught us that lesson, many times over.
3. Call YouTube on +1 (650) 253-0000, then press 0 for a live person. Ask to speak to a senior manager. Tell them, politely but firmly, how upset you are with the desecration videos posted by user "fsmduke". Ask them to remove the videos and pledge never to allow such videos again.
4. Be confident of success in the fight for decency and good in our world. Pray for it, knowing that God is indeed Creator and Lord of all things, contrary to what a small group of hate-crazed atheists might choose to stridently, and even in the most ghastly manner, proclaim.
5. If you have a channel on YouTube or elsewhere, consider publicizing this issue yourself. For a link to a small video which you can simply download, rename as you like and post to your channel, email: francisxcc@gmail.com

Thank you for leaving your noble footprint on this planet. God bless you!

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October 9, 2008

Dear Mr Schmidt,

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Thanking you,

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